(4) Yes.

(5) Yes. Please see answer to (3)

(6), (7) and (8) The remarks of the Diwan Peishkar have been urgently called for.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—(2) May I know which were the canals deepened?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Thevara canal.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—(3) May I know what was the result of the arrangements?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Arrangements are almost complete.

Persons adversely affected by the present Note to Standing Order No. 16 of the Government of Cochin.

451. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number and the names of those adversely affected;

(b) the number and the names of those beneficially affected among Registrars who were holding only acting posts on 1st Thulam 1108 by the present Note to Standing Order No. 16;

(c) among those who are adversely affected, how many are recruits from the bar and who are they?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) The information so far collected is appended. (*Appendix VIII.*)

(b) Mr. K. Kuruvilla.
„ P. Gopala Kaimal.

(c) 4. (1) Mr. C. S. Ikkanda Warriar.
(2) „ P. V. Mathew.
(3) „ P. K. Kumaran.
(4) „ K. Ranga Mallya.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— In the list of names of those who are adversely affected by the amendment to S. O. No. 16 four names are given. May I know whether all of them are still adversely affected? Is not one among them already confirmed and the adverse effect of the order thereby nullified?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—One of them has been confirmed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know who it is?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—First one.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the circumstances under which the adverse effect of the Standing Order was got over?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—This does not mean that he hould not be confirmed.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How was the adverse effect of the S. O. got over?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—When that order was passed, these people came to be adversely affected. Later on vacancies arose and promotions were given and confirmations were ordered. There is no connection between the two.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can I take it that the other cases also will be similarly considered?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Does the amendment still hold good ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The amendment has been slightly altered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know when the amendment which is now slightly altered, was passed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There has been no amendment. The old rule stood and the amendment was a note to that rule. A slightly revised interpretation was put upon the note. There has not been any formal alteration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Government said that there has been an amendment. In whichever fashion it was, may I know when that amendment was given effect to by the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I explained that there has been no amendment.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—That note?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That note was added about a year back.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—What is the effect of the note?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The effect is that the total length of all the acting periods of service a person has put in in different grades or in different offices will be counted for purposes of fixing his seniority among acting hands.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—How is it now differently interpreted?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The slight difference is this. I will take a concrete example since it is rather difficult to make clear. If among the acting Registrars a vacancy arose, it was considered that the several acting periods of service that the different acting Registrars might have put in as Registrars would alone be considered to fix the seniority among the Registrars.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will this new interpretation be given retrospective effect?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think it will not be.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In the light of the answer, whether they intend to modify or cancel this order ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no necessity. The original order was not amended. A note was added to it. The order still stands.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know why retrospective effect will not be given if the Government have subsequently found out that this is the correct interpretation ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is never the practice to give retrospective effect to interpretations.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the circumstances under which a slightly altered interpretation was put in ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There was no particular circumstance. A series of confirmations had to be made and this question came up prominently and the rule was interpreted.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.— Who made the interpretation ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Government.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Is it likely of being changed subsequently ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think so.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Does not this interpretation make a substantial change ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—What was the occasion for that particular note ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The note was put in when a series of confirmations had to be made. It is at the time of confirmations and promotions that all conflicts arise and all these people put in notes and petitions and on the basis of these orders are passed. And it was ruled that the original order should be modified by a further note. Again another occasion arose and this slightly altered interpretation was given.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—When that note was first introduced who was benefited ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think it was started by one of the clerks of the Huzur Office.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—May I know his name ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—One Madhavan Nayar. He had put in some service as a teacher or so and when a vacancy arose he said that all those services should be considered.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—What was the occasion for interpreting and re-interpreting the order ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—These interpretations re-interpretations arose when a new series of confirmations had to

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be made and then fresh petitions poured in from all sides. Always an occasion to re-open the question has suggested itself.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—After the re-interpretation was put in, who was benefited ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no question of anybody being particularly benefited.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Who got the confirmation then ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was this Mr. Warriar.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was it in connection with this confirmation that this new interpretation was made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That was the occasion for the question to be re-opened.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was it not more a case of doing justice rather than interpreting ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think it is so.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Was the first interpretation wrong?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Whenever a new interpretation is put in it follows that the first is wrong.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is it the policy of the Government to alter the rules and intrepretations to suit particular persons ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not the policy of the Government to put new interpretations arbitrarily. Wherever occasions arise, these things are necessary and have to be done.

Increasing salary of Heads of Departments.

452. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they have increased the salary of any of the Heads of departments in 1108.

(b) whether they intend increasing the salary of any of the Heads of departments in 1109 ;

(c) what are the changes effected as under (a) and (b) ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) The pay of the Director of Public Health was revised from Rs. 200—400 to Rs. 450—650. The question does not arise in respect of (b).

453. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the State is still in the grips of depression ;

(b) whether the depression has sufficiently eased, so as to enable them to undertake increments of the salary of Heads of departments ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) There is still some depression.

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APPENDIX VIII

Civil Courts.
Anjikaimal Division

1 P K Velayudhan
2 R Vamana Vadhyar
3 K Raman Menon
4 N Krishnan Elayath
5 A R Narayana Ayyar
6 A V Sreedhara Panickar

Registration.

7 C S Ikkanda Warriar
8 P S Krishnaswamy Ayyar
9 P V Mathew
10 P K Kumaran
11 K Ranga Mallya

Land Revenue Department.

12 V Ramankutty Menon
13 P K Raman Menon
14 T Kuttappan
15 C A Devassy
16 M Miayan Sahib
17 K W Kochugovinda Marar
18 K Kochuraman
19 P Sankarankutty Menon
20 T E Moosa
21 K I Krishnan
22 T I Jacob

Forest Department.

23 V K Gopala Menon
24 N P Ramakrishna Ayyar
25 A R Raman Menon
26 T Sankunny Menon
27 K Nanoo Menon
28 P P Subbarama Ayyar
29 M Gopalan Nayar

Comptroller's Office.

30 V Sankara Panickar
31 T V Ganesa Ayyar
32 C Madhava Poduval
33 R Harihara Ayyar
34 N K Krishna Menon
35 E Parameswara Menon
36 P Rugmani Amma
37 T K Krishna Ayyar
38 K K Varki
39 M Achyutan Nayar

Huzur Office.

40 E P Gopala Menon
41 J J Chandy
42 M K Narayanan
43 A N Neelakanta Chakiyar
44 P K Narayanan

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